

REMARKS


Claim 10 has been canceled which obviates the Examiner's 35 USC § 112/35 USC § 101 rejection of claim 10.

New claims 11-22 have been added to the specification. Claims 11-18 are directed to compositions made by the process of allowed claims 1-9. The specification at pages 7-8 indicate that the bituminous oil phase has particularly advantageous properties when used as a feedstock for a gasification process. Claims 19-22 are directed to methods involving the use of the composition of claims 11-18 in the manufacture of synthesis gases.

It is respectfully suggested that the newly added claims to the specification are patentable; since, the claimed compositions are made by the method of the allowed claims, and they have advantageous properties. The use claims are patentable as well for similar reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

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